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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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 the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed reference(s) are attached, where required, as are either statements
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